



**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Thoms

**CASE:** OST-011106

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE  
ACTION**

**SERIAL NO.:** 09/869,407

**FILED ON:** June 22, 2001

**FOR:** FLAT STORAGE ELEMENT  
FOR AN X-RAY IMAGE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
FOR PATENTS  
Washington DC 20231

**ATTENTION OF:**  
Art Unit 2878  
**EXAMINER:**  
Gagliardi, Albert J.

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 23, 2003. Please amend the application as indicated below, and please consider the remarks toward reconsideration and passage to allowance.

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